

Trails



Wenatchee Foothills Trail – WWRP Trails

2010 RCO Grant Programs

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If you want to:

Build, renovate, or maintain a Trail

Acquire property for future Trail development

**Conduct an educational program that promotes Trail
safety and environmental protection**

.....Then you are in the right place.

Session Outline:

- **Grant Programs Available**
- **Application Process**
- **The Grant Programs'**
 - Focus and Priorities
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Project Types
 - Funding Limits
 - Project Examples
 - Project Evaluation Criteria
 - Materials Available



Central Shoreline Park Trail

Grant Programs

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP)
 - Trails Category (WWRP – Trails)



Grant Process

Start a New Application - Now

Applications Due – May 3, 2010

Project Review* – June 2010

Technical Completion – July 2010

Project Evaluation (in person*) – August 2010

Ranked Lists Approved – October 28, 2010

Funding Granted LWCF & RTP – October 28, 2010

Funding Granted ALEA & WWRP – July 2011

*Except RTP

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Program Overview

- Funded with money from the State's management of aquatic lands.
- Purchase, improve, protect and provide access to aquatic resources.
- *Projects must take place adjacent to navigable waters.*
- Typical projects include:
 - Waterfront Trails
 - Boardwalks
 - Interpretive signs & kiosks
- Inclusion of interpretive or educational features is encouraged



Program Priorities

- Improve the ecological function of aquatic resources through restoration
- Protect existing high-quality aquatic land
- Provide new opportunities for people to get to the water
- Renovate or improve existing public access to aquatic lands



Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies



Project Types

- **Acquisition**
 - Acquiring land for future development
- **Development and renovation**
 - Building new or renovating existing facilities
 - Including interpretive or educational features is strongly encouraged
- **Restoration**
 - Restore damaged or altered aquatic lands and uplands
 - Must allow or provide public access to aquatic lands

Project Types

- **Combination (acquisition and development)**
 - Acquiring land and building facilities or acquiring land and restoring aquatic lands
- **Combination (development and restoration)**
 - Developing facilities and restoring aquatic lands

Funding Limits and Required Match

- Grant Maximum Request by Project Type
 - Acquisition \$1,000,000
 - Development \$500,000
 - Combination: Acquisition and development: \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 maximum for development)
 - Combination: Development and restoration: \$500,000
- 50 percent match required

Project Examples

- Riverfront Trails
- Interpretive Trail
- Boardwalks, Viewpoints



Funded Projects

- Clallam Co. Jimmycomelately Trail
- Castle Rock Riverfront Trail

Project Evaluation Criteria – Manual #21

1. **Fit with ALEA Program Goals**
2. **Project need**
3. Site Suitability
4. Urgency and Viability (acquisition projects only)
5. Project Design and Viability (restoration & development projects only)
6. Community Involvement and Support

In person evaluation presentation

More information available online:

www.rco.wa.gov

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (Manual #21)
- Acquiring Land (Manual #3)
- Development Projects (Manual #4)
- RCO Grant Manager Assignment Map

Critical dates to remember:

- Pre-application Due – March 15, 2010
- Applications Due – May 3, 2010
- Technical Completion – July 9, 2010

Questions?

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
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Program Overview

- Federal grant program
- Assists in preserving, developing, and assuring public access to outdoor recreation resources.
- Typical projects include:
 - Trails
 - Trailheads
 - Trails within parks
- Planning is required for all applicants – refer to RCFB Manual #2, Planning Policies, for details



Program Priorities

- Lands and facilities desirable for individual active participation
- Projects that provide continued improvement of existing sites and facilities previously funded with LWCF grants
- Projects that provide active connections between communities and recreation sites and facilities
- Public access required at all LWCF sites
- Perpetual protection through a 6(f)(3) boundary



City of Puyallup - Puyallup Riverwalk Trail

Eligible Applicants

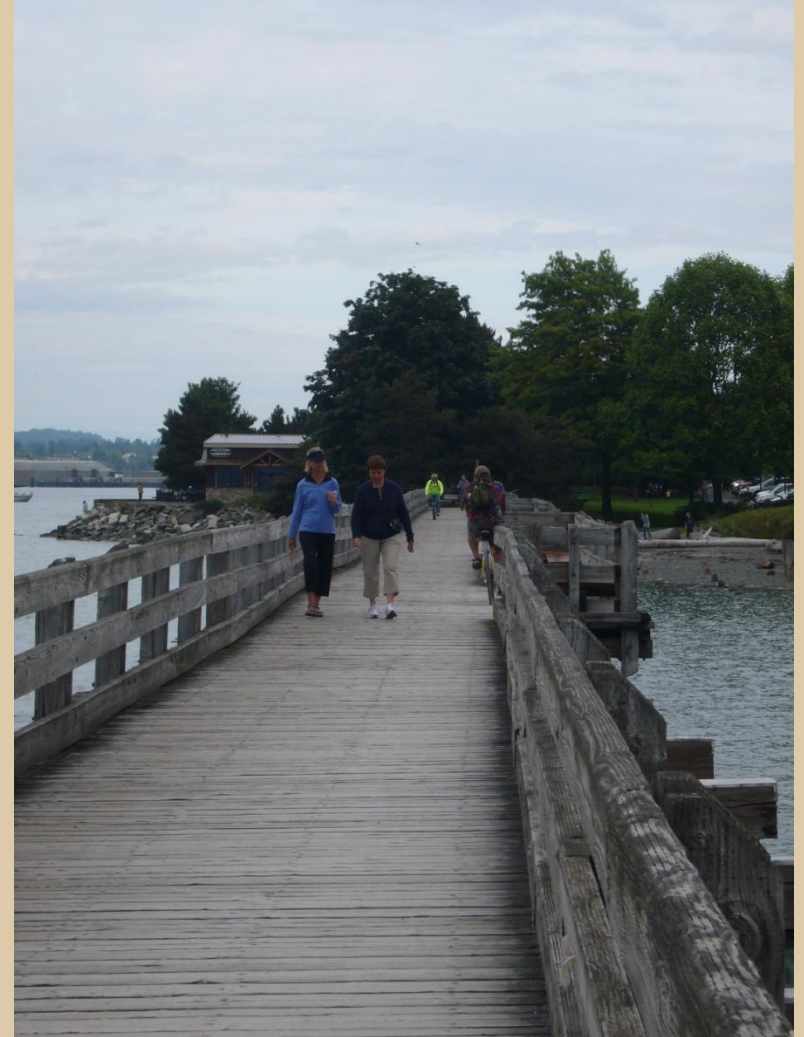
- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies



City of Kennewick – Sacagawea Heritage Trail

Project Types

- **Acquisition**
 - Acquiring land for future development
- **Development and renovation**
 - New or renovating existing LWCF facilities
- **Combination (acquisition and development)**
 - Acquiring land and building facilities



Funding Limits and Required Match

- Grants: minimum request \$25,000 to maximum request \$500,000
- 50 percent match required



Project Examples

- Multi-use trails
- Trailheads
- Urban Trails
- Trails within parks



Vancouver – Burnt Bridge Ck Trail

Project Evaluation Criteria – Separate Attachment to Manual 15

1. Consistency with SCORP
2. Need
3. Project Design (D) or Urgency to Acquire (A)
4. Federal Grant Program Priorities
5. Readiness
6. Cost Efficiencies
7. Population Proximity
8. Compliance (demonstrate good grant stewardship)



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- Land and Water Conservation Fund (Manual #15)
- Acquiring Land (Manual #3)
- Development Projects (Manual #4)
- RCO Grant Manager Assignment Map

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- Technical Completion – July 9, 2010



Questions?

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- **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**
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Program Overview

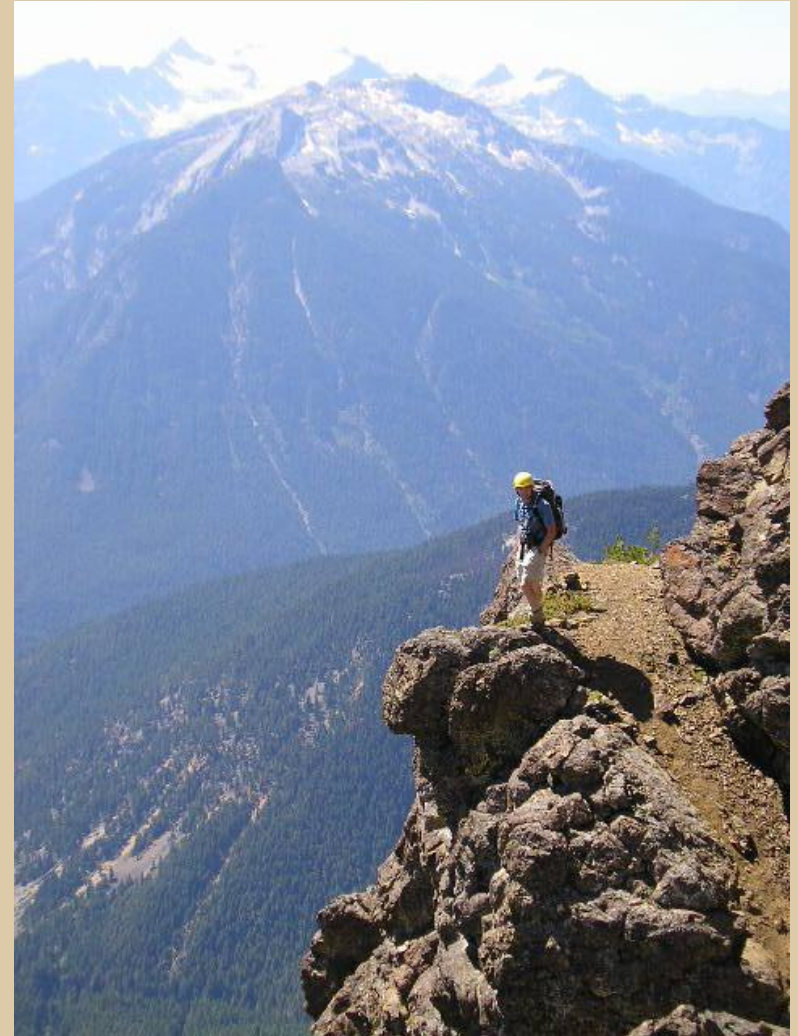
- Federal grant program
- Assists in renovating and maintaining recreational trails and facilities
- Motorized, non-motorized and multi-use trails are all eligible
- Non-motorized water trails are eligible
- Allows purchase of equipment needed to maintain trails



U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District, Pyramid Mountain Trail Area Upgrades

Program Priorities

- Reducing the maintenance backlog on trails
- Rehabilitate and maintain trails that provide or support a backcountry experience
 - Not simply distance from urban center
 - Natural setting
 - Experience of the natural environment



Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Federal agencies
- *Qualified* non-profit organizations
 - Registered
 - Successor
 - Active in trail activities for 3 years
 - Non-discrimination



Funding Limits and Required Match

- \$5,000 to \$75,000 for Development and Maintenance projects
- \$5,000 to \$10,000 for Education projects
- Up to 5% of total allocation to Education projects
- 20% match required (minimum)
 - Local sponsors must have at least 10% non-state and non-federal; Federal sponsors must have at least 5% non-federal match



Project Types

- **Development (limited) and Rehabilitation**
 - Building a link between existing trails
 - Building a trailhead to serve an existing trail
 - Relocate a portion of a trail
 - Construction or replacement of bridges
- **Note that new trail development is not eligible unless directly related to an existing trail**



Project Types (continued)

- **Maintenance (2 year grant limit)**
 - Regular seasonal trail maintenance
 - Existing trails and trailheads
 - Groom snowmobile and cross-country ski trails
- **Education (2 year grant limit)**
 - Trail safety and environmental protection programs for trails



Project Examples

- Backcountry trails
 - Brushing, log-out, grooming
- Capital Equipment
 - Maintenance equipment, chain saw
 - Tractor, snow groomer
- Trailheads
- Staff to conduct maintenance and education activities
- Education
 - Backcountry stewards, communications, snowmobile rangers, signage, Leave No Trace programs



Project Evaluation Criteria – Manual #16

Answer directly & quantify

1. **Need**
2. **Need satisfaction**
3. Project design (D)
4. Maintenance (M)
5. Readiness to proceed
6. Cost-benefit
7. **Non-governmental contribution**
8. Project support



Written evaluation process

More information available online:

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- Recreational Trails Program (Manual #16)
- Development Projects (Manual #4)
- RCO Grant Manager Assignment Map

Critical dates to remember:

- Pre-application Due – March 15, 2010
- Applications Due – May 3, 2010
- Technical Completion – July 16, 2010

Questions?

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
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- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program, Trails Category (WWRP – Trails)

Program Overview

- Assists in acquiring, developing, or renovating pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle, or cross-country ski trails.
- Typical projects include:
 - Regional Trails
 - Trails that link to other trails
 - Trailheads
- Planning is required for all applicants – refer to RCFB Manual #2, Planning Policies, for details



Foothills Trail - Buckley

Program Priorities

- Non-motorized multiple use trails that connect communities



Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies



Castle Rock Riverfront Trail Extension

Project Types

- **Acquisition**
 - Acquiring land for future development of trails
- **Development and renovation**
 - Building new trails
 - Renovating existing trails and trail facilities
- **Combination (acquisition and development)**
 - Acquiring land and building trails and trail facilities



Funding Limits

- No minimum or maximum
- 50 percent match required



Vancouver-Clark Parks – Burnt Bridge
Creek Trail

Project Examples

- Urban Trails
- Trailheads
- Regional Trails

Funded Projects

- Interurban Trail
- Foothills Trail
- Olympic
Discovery Trail
- Iron Horse Trail



Project Evaluation Criteria – Manual #10a

1. **Need**
2. **Project Design**
3. **Immediacy of Threat**
4. **Trail and Community Linkages**
5. Water Access, Views, and Scenic Values
6. Wildlife Habitat Connectivity
7. Project Support
8. Cost Efficiencies



In person evaluation presentation

More information available online:

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- Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program: Outdoor Recreation Account (Manual #10a)
- Acquiring Land (Manual #3)
- Development Projects (Manual #4)
- RCO Grant Manager Assignment Map

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- Applications Due – May 3, 2010
- Technical Completion – July 30, 2010

Questions?